(a) whether Govemment have reviewed or propose to review the Constitution of India in the context of the experience of the Centre-State relation since independence;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions from the States in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Chief Secretaries of six States in their meeting at Delhi on the 23rd May, 1992 suggested the withdrawal of 42nd Contitutioaicl Amendment; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.'M. JACOB): (a) The working of the Constitution has demonstrated that its fundamental scheme and provisions have withstood reasonably well the inevitable stresses and strains of a developing democracy. At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for a review of the Constitution of India as such.

(b) No suggestion for review of the Constitution of India as such has been received from the State Governments. However, the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre State Relations are under discussion in the Committee of the Inter-State Council.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Shifting of Assam rifles from Kangla Fort

650. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to remove the Assam Rifles garrison from Kangla Fort at Imphal in Manipur;

(b) whether the State Government of Manipur had allotted an alternative site for locating the Assam Rifle garrison; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to resolve this long pending sensi tive issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for acquisition of 156.89 acres of land at Zirabham Road, Imphal is under consideration of Government of India. As soon as this proposal for acquisition of land mentioned above, is approved by the Government of India and Government of Manipur provide facilities like water, electricity and tarmac road to the new site, suitable action would be taktn to shift the Assam Rifies from Kangla Fort, in a phased manner, to the new site.

Kidnapping in Kashmir

651. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether kidnapping by militants in Kashmir has lately become the order of the day;

(b) the number of kidnappings made by the different militant out-fits in Kashmir during the year 1991 and so far 1992: and the details thereof;

(c) the sections of slciety which are the main targets of such kidnappings; and